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## **Slough 2 Fire Nearly Contained**

Moab, Utah – Fire fighters made significant progress on the Slough 2 Fire burning near Moab. Winds were minimal yesterday, allowing crews to attack the fire in a more direct manner. Containment of the 435 acre fire is at 88 percent, with full containment expected today. Most of the 94 personnel will be demobilized after today's operations are concluded.

Yesterday, fire managers and representatives from the Nature Conservancy toured the Matheson Wetland Preserve to begin plans for post-fire rehabilitation. Plans were underway for a prescribed fire on a considerable portion of the affected acreage, now the goal is to encourage native plants in the burned area.

The investigation into the cause of the fire is still underway. Investigators have interviewed several witnesses and obtained photographs from the night of the fire. Officials are particularly interested in any information regarding unauthorized vehicle traffic in the marsh area from October 21<sup>st</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone with information on this or any other aspect of the fire is asked to call the Moab Sheriff's Office at 435-259-8115.

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